

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, September 19, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bethune welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Opening:** Pastor Clay Johnson, Parkway Church of Christ offered the invocation and Mayor Bethune invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Members:** Mayor Bethune presided. Council Members: Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Debbie Ruiz and Kim Tice. Absent: Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember

**Staff:** Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Blake Hodge, Fire Chief; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator and Benny Gooze, Public Works Director.

Mayor Bethune said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions or votes were made during the pre-agenda session.

**Informal Public Comments:** Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience.

Dr. Priscilla Thomas said that she has missed coming to the meetings, but that she has been keeping up with what has been going on in Garden City.

There being no further questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

**Public Hearings:**

**PC1619, Rezoning Request:** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Renee' Coleman to rezone 1317 Heidt Avenue from R-2 to C-2A.

Planning Director said the request was tabled by the Planning Commission. He said the area does have considerable commercial use. He said staff's recommendation was to go toward an industrial zoning. He said the petitioner was in favor of tabling the request.

Mr. Leonard Hodges, 3201 Old Louisville Road, said I'm opposed to the rezoning. He said I would like the property to stay zoned residential. He said why break up a residential neighborhood for one person.

Mr. Clyde Strugess, Shipyard Road, said I have commercial property on Heidt Avenue. He said both properties were before Council for rezoning. He said one property was kept residential and the other property was allowed to be divided. He said I'm against other properties being rezoned.

Ms. Stephanie Wood, Hedit Avenue, said I'm against the rezoning. She said the property is next to me and we are in the process of purchasing our home. She said I would like to see neighborhood remain residential.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

**PC1623, Rezoning Request:** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Jonathan A. Porter to rezone 5510 Export Blvd. from I-1 to I-2.

Planning Director said the Planning Commission recommended denial of the request. He said staff's recommendation was for approval.

Mayor Bethune said this company provides storage containers for residential storage.

Mr. Jonathan Porter, Attorney from Hunter and Maclean, said I represent the property owner. He said the property should have already been zoned I-2, because the prior owner was not operating as a permit use. He said my client is trying to clean up from the past owner. He said the Planning Commission's idea was to have my client refile for a permitted use variance, but that is not the correct way.

City Attorney said under the Code you can't use a variance to allow a use that is not a permitted use under the Code. He said the correct mechanism is to do the rezoning.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application:** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application made by Crystal M. Wiggins to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Anna D's Homestyle Restaurant, 319A Main Street, Garden City, Georgia.

Ms. Wiggins, said I'm the applicant. She said the application is to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at my restaurant.

Chief Lyons said everything is in order with application.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted to approve the City Council Minutes dated 8/15/16, Workshop Synopsis dated 8/22/16, and Workshop Synopsis dated 9/12/16.

**Staff Reports:**

HR Director presented the monthly report for the Human Resources Department.

IT Director presented the monthly report for the Information Technology Department.

Public Works Director presented the monthly report for the Public Works Department.

Recreation Director presented the monthly report for the Parks & Recreation Department.

Planning & Zoning Director presented the monthly report for the Planning, Zoning & Building Department.

Mayor Bethune thanked the Public Works Director and his staff for their work during the storm.

Councilmember Tice said several residents have expressed concerns about the stagnant water in the railroad ditches running parallel the tracks. She asked the Public Works Director to contact the railroad to see what could be done.

City Manager said we can't work in the ditches on railroad property. He said we will look at applying insecticide.

Water Operations Director presented the monthly report for the Water Operations Department.

Mayor Bethune thanked the Water Operations Director and his staff for their work during the storm.

Chief of Police presented the monthly report for the Police Department.

Fire Chief presented the monthly report for the Fire Department.

**City Manager Updates:**

City Manager introduced Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator. He said she is moving forward on a lot of projects and programs. He said she is a terrific resource to have on board.

**Items for Consideration:**

**First Reading - Ordinance, Rezoning Map Amendment (214 Salt Creek Road):** Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone certain property owned by Mary Watson at 214 Salt Creek Road, Garden City, from its present zoning classification of "R-1" to a "R-A" zoning classification; to repeal all ordinances in conflict therewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Daniel, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading.

**Second Reading - Ordinance, Rezoning Map Amendment (214 Salt Creek Road):** Clerk of Council read the second reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone certain property owned by Mary Watson at 214 Salt Creek Road, Garden City, from its present zoning classification of “R-1” to a “R-A” zoning classification; to repeal all ordinances in conflict therewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Daniel, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

**First Reading - Ordinance, Zoning Text Amendment (Vehicle-for-hire Companies):** Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending Chapter 90, Articles I & II thereof, to add vehicle-for-hire companies to permitted use Number 122 now applicable to solely taxi cab companies, listed in Code Section 90-47(b), which added use shall be permitted in “C-2”, “C-2A”, “C-2A(B&W)”, and “I-1”, zoning districts in Garden City, Georgia, subject to certain conditions, including a vehicle density restriction; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide and effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

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Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

**First Reading - Ordinance, Mixed Use Zoning Amendment (Animal Hospitals, Veterinary Clinics, & Animal Boarding):** Clerk of Council the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of Garden City, Georgia, to amend paragraphs 79 & 80 of Section 90-47(b) to permit animal hospitals, veterinary clinics, and animal boarding places with the approval of the Board of Appeals to operate in all mixed use zoning districts located within the City; to repeal all ordinances in conflict therewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

**Resolution, Georgia Public Safety Training Parking Easement Town Center:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to take actions necessary to carry-out on the City's behalf the parking easement swap between the City of Garden City, Georgia, and the State of Georgia with respect to the State's Public Safety Training Center located on Sunshine Road.

Upon motion by Councilmember Daniel, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application:** Clerk of Council presented for consideration an alcoholic beverage license application made by Crystal M. Wiggins to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Anna D's Homestyle Restaurant, 319A Main Street, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage license application.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

*Transcribed by: Clerk of Council*  
*Approved by: City Council 10-3-16*